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TO: Secretary of State

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TASK FORCE VIET NAM

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"STARS AND STRIPES" CARRIES FOLLOWING ITEM, DATELINED SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER 27:

"THE MILITARY SEA TRANSPORT SERVICE HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE AMERICAN AIRCRAFT CARRIER CORE SAILED TUESDAY FOR SAIGON WITH A CARGO OF TROOPS AND HELICOPTERS.

"THE ARMY SAID THE TROOPS INCLUDED THE 57TH LIGHT HELICOPTER COMPANY FROM FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON, AND THE 8TH LIGHT HELICOPTER COMPANY FROM FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA. THE STRENGTH OF THE TWO UNITS IS AT LEAST 40 HELICOPTERS AND 400 TROOPS."

MEANWHILE NAVAL ATTACHE HAS RECEIVED TWO CLEAR TEXT MESSAGES FROM COMMANDER MSTS PACIFIC AREA, FIRST REQUESTING DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR CORE TO DOCK AND DISCHARGE CARGO AT SAIGON, AND SECOND GIVING FOR INFORMATION COPY OF CORE'S SAILING ORDERS. BOTH MESSAGES GIVE CORE'S ETA DECEMBER 10TH AND FIRST MESSAGE STATES CARGO TO BE DISCHARGED INCLUDES PASSENGERS AND 47 AIRCRAFT.

AT MY REQUEST, NAVAL ATTACHE IS NOT REPEAT NOT REQUESTING CLEARANCE FOR CORE UNTIL I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT MOVEMENT OF

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